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### July 1 U.S. Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2009, totaled 101.8 million head, 1 percent below the 103.3 million on July 1, 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. All cows and heifers that have calved at 41.4 million head, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2008. Beef cows on July 1, 2009, were at 32.2 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.2 million head, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2008. All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 16.1 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Beef replacement heifers, at 4.5 million head were down 2 percent from July 1, 2008. Milk replacement heifers, at 3.9 million head, were unchanged from last year. Other heifers, at 7.7 million head, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were 14.4 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over were at 2.1 million head, unchanged from July 1, 2008. Calves under 500 pounds, at 27.8 million head, were down 1 percent. All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, at 11.6 million, were down 5 percent from last year.

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